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SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR SECURITY PROJECTS

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1. PLEASE ADVISE RECEIPT OF REFTEL.
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFAIR, RSO HAS VERY RECENTLY SUBMITTED AIRGRAM OUTLINING REQUIREMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE PUBLIC ACCESS CONTROLS. PERIMETER WALL IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE CONTROLS EFFECTIVE. CONTRACTOR WAITING FOR GO AHEAD TO BEGIN WORK ON WALL. PLEASE ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF DEPT ABLE FUND THIS PROJECT.
3. NEW SUBJECT: EMBASSY ANNEX (BIEN D'ETAT PROPERTY UNDER LEASE NUMBERS S-67-FBO-47 AND 52) WHICH INCLUDES CULTURAL AFFAIRS OFFICE, GENERAL SERVICES OFFICES, AMERICAN SCHOOL, WAREHOUSES, DCMR, AND GARAGE HAS BEEN A GIGANTIC SECURITY HEADACHE FOR EMBASSY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SINCE ANNEX HAS NO PERIMETER BARRIER GUARDS ARE INEFFECTIVE. INTRUDERS CAN AND DO ENTER FROM VIRTUALLY ANY

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DIRECTION. EMBASSY PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN PROGRAM TO SECURE AREA, TO SOLVE LONG STANDING SWATTER AND RIGHT OF WAY PROBLEMS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FIRST STEPS IS CONSTRUCTION OF PERIMETER FENCE. BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NINE FEET HIGH HEAVY GAUGE WIRE FENCE TOPPED BY THREE STRANDS OF BARBED WIRE SUPPORTED BY IRON POSTS THREE METERS APART AND SET IN CONCRETE HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. MINIMUM BID WAS DOLS19,850. BOTH PAO AND CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL BOARD AGREE IN

PRINCIPLE TO ASSISTING WITH FUNDING. BELIEVE THAT SCHOOL CAN BE
COUNTED ON TO
CONTRIBUTE 20 TO 25 PERCENT. PAO REQUESTS THAT USIA AND
STATE WORK OUT PROPORTIONS AT WASHINGTON LEVEL. EMBASSY
BELIEVES THAT THE COST SHOULD BE SHARED AS FOLLOWS: 50 PERCENT STATE
25 PERCENT USIA AND 25 PERCENT AMERICAN SCHOOL. WE BASE
PERCENTAGES ON AREA OCCUPIED, VALUE OF PROPERTY BEING PROTECTED
AND USAGE OF PROPERTY. EMBASSY REQUESTS THAT DEPT CONSULT
WITH USIA ON THIS MATTER AND ADVISE IF FUNDS CAN BE MADE
AVAILABLE.HAYNES

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